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Attre Patent Application of)
Jacques Dubac et al.) Group Art Unit: 1754
Application No.: 09/903,635) Examiner:
Filed: July 13, 2001) Confirmation No.: 1628
For: COMPOSITION AND COMPOUND)
BASED ON SALT(S) OF METALS AND)
OF ACID EXHIBITING A SULFONYL)
GROUP CARRIED BY A)
PERHALOGENATED CARBON AND)
THEIR USE AS LEWIS ACID)

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

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Sir:

On April 29, 2004, the Examiner contacted Applicants' undersigned attorney to assert a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Restriction was required between Group I (Claims 11 and 12); Group II (Claim 15); Group III (Claim 16); Group IV (Claims 13 and 14); and Group V (Claims 1-10).

On April 30, 2004, the undersigned telephoned the Examiner and orally elected Group I. The election was made with traverse as no reasons for restriction exist as of yet on the record.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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